

RESOLUTION 311 - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATING THAT PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 27 IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS "*THE PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY*".

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DAVID J. BROWN
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, General George Washington established the Purple Heart Medal on August 7, 1782 to honor military personnel wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, since then approximately 1,635,000 Purple Heart medals have been awarded to our military personnel; and it is believed that there are an estimated 500,000 living veterans who are Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners appreciates the members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and further recognizes that many have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA is coordinating a state and national effort to establish "*The National Purple Heart Trail*" consisting of major interstate highways and roadways leading to patriotic sites; and

WHEREAS, our local community, our state, and our nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to those members of our Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat and honored with the Purple Heart medal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County, Florida, that the Board:


1. Recommends and supports the dedication of that portion of U.S. Highway 27 in the State of Florida as "*The Purple Heart Highway*"; and
2. Requests the Florida Department of Transportation place and maintain appropriate markers so designating said highway.
3. Directs the Clerk of the Court to forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, Florida Department of Transportation; the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Highlands County Chapter 601 and Florida Chapter Commander James G. Holland, Tallahassee, Florida; and Representative Ron Saunders, Senator Larcenia J. Bullard and Governor Charlie Crist.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of September, A.D., 2007.

Mayor Mario DiGennaro	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner George Neugent	<u>Yes</u>

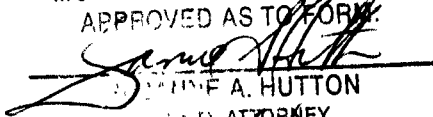
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Attest: **DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk**

By 
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By 
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 9/15/07